(b) The detail of the damage suffered by the aircraft are as under:—

1. The Nose Landing Gear got detached and it pierced through the bottom skin of fuselage causing heavy damage to it.
2. Both the engines, nose cowl, fan blades, fan cowls and thrust reverser cowls etc. were also badly damaged.

(c) An enquiry into this incident was ordered by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and the same has been completed. Persons whose failure caused this incident have been identified. However, the license of the Shift Engineer in-charge was immediately suspended.

(d) The cause of the incident has been attributed to non adherence to standard procedure and not following the laid down requirement by some staff members.

(e) A number of recommendations have been made by the inquiry officer, compliance of which will help in preventing recurrence of such incidents.

Expansion of Bilaspur Airport

†2374. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop runway into a full-fledged airport at Bilaspur in Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, what action would be taken for the expansion of this airport to make it more convenient;

(c) the proposed outline of the same; and

(d) what is the present capacity of Bilaspur Airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (d) The Bilaspur Airport is suitable for 50 seater class of aircraft and the terminal building can cater for 20 passengers at a time. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has no plans at present to further develop this airport?

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